

develop Indore as an international airport.

#### **International Airports Renamed after National Leaders**

2138. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:  
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of International airports in the country renamed after national leaders in the past;

(b) the number of requests received from the State Government for renaming the more international airports after their national Leaders;

(c) whether the Government of Gujarat has also requested the Union Government to rename the Ahmedabad international airport to be taken as Sardar Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad; and

(d) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). The Airports at Delhi and Calcutta have been renamed as "Indira Gandhi International Airport" and "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport" respectively. The international and domestic terminals at Madras airport have been renamed as Madras International airport - Anna International terminal and Madras International Airport Kamraj Domestic Terminal respectively.

A request has recently been received from the Maharashtra Government to rename Bombay International airport as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj airport. However, it had already been decided in 1988 to rename this airport as Jawaharlal Nehru International airport after bringing it to international standards.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the existing policy, the domestic airports are named after the cities/towns where these are located and therefore, change in the name of Ahmedabad airport is not being contemplated at present.

#### **Tourist Attraction**

2139. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI HARKEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether all tourist attractions desired by the tourists from any part of the world are existing in India;

(b) whether the Union Government are unable to take full advantage thereof whereas the small countries like Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia are far ahead of us;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Inadequate infrastructural facilities is the primary constraint in the development of tourism in the country. Steps are being taken to improve the infrastructural facilities by way of providing financial assistance to State Governments as well as attracting private sector investment.

#### **Air Linking of District Headquarters**

2140. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to air-link to all district headquarters in the country; and

(b) if so, by when is it likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). No time-frame has been fixed to airlink all the district headquarters in the country. However, to ensure that air transport services grow in a balanced manner throughout the country, route dispersal guidelines have been issued requiring operators of trunk routes to provide defined minimum capacity in the North East, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshwadeep islands. Regional airlines are being encouraged to airlines far flung and hitherto unconnected districts and towns.

#### **Visit of Foreigners in N.E. States**

2141. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited in the North Eastern States during this year till date, State-wise;